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             COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE
             PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN
             KNOWLEDGE (As Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments

In the Title

Please amend the title to read --PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR OPTIMIZING THE

PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH

MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN

KNOWLEDGE--.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 6, please insert the paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed
on March 21, 1997 by Bigus et al., entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING
INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING
VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE", which application is
incorporated by reference herein.

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